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PROCLAMATION
By the Governor of the State of Missouri
The end of another year is approaching. The glowings seasons of opening buds, of refreshing showers, of genial sunshine, and of golden, waving fields of ripening cereals, have been again enjoyed, and are past. The husbandmen are now garnering the rich stores with which a beneficent Providence is wont to bless the labors of our most highly favored people. Abundant harvests have rewarded the toils of the farmer, and success the honest and earnest efforts of all classes. Health in the main, has given firmness to our footsteps and vigor to the attainment of our purposes; and peace has imparted confidence to our numerous

enterprises, and enhanced our blessings with the full of security and the beatitude of contentment. Heaven has showered its noblest gifts upon us. Religious freedom, civil liberty, and the protection of individual rights, are the common heritage of all. Material wealth, intellectual attainments, and the rewards of virtue, are offered alike to all, and they have not sought in vain who have sought aright.

It is proper that we should recognize the hand which has so bountifully provided for our happiness. It is right that we should acknowledge the

manifold obligations to the Giver of all we possess and enjoy. It is our highest privilege to cherish a sincere gratitude to "Him in whom we live and move and have our being." I have deemed it proper, therefore, in conformity with custom which, with a wise regard for our highest interests, may ever be observed, to name a day on which the people of the State may, with one accord, devoutly offer public thanksgiving to the Great Source of life and its blessings.

In considering the day most appropriate, the 22nd of November is suggested as eminently suitable. On that day, 1783, the last armed foe of American Independence evacuated the enemy's fortification and ceased to tread American soil. On that day the complete and perfect independence of the American nation was consummated, and liberty, civil and religious, unwaived and undisputed, was proclaimed as the universal heritage of all those

proclaimed as the universal heritage of all men, sheltered by the American Eagle, or who might thereafter seek an asylum under his ever-expanding wings. On the day, for the first time, not disturbed by the representative of despotism, and unrestrained by the terrors of any external foe, the fathers of American Freedom shouted from the house-tops, the glad tidings that universal religious tolerance, civil liberty, and the political

equality of our race, regardless of the time of birth, is established, and shall forever have its abiding place upon the earth; that henceforth the American Continent shall be an asylum for the oppressed—the land of the free.” What day is appropriate for the outpouring of the gratitude of the American people?

In view, therefore, of the many causes of gratitude which we continually enjoy, and of the occasion

sion which renders eminently appropriate the day designated; I, **ROBERT M. STEWART**, Governor of the State of Missouri, do, by this proclamation, recommend to the people of this State that they observe **THURSDAY**, the 25th of November next as a fitting day for thanksgiving to Almighty God and in humble prayer to Him for a continuance of his blessings.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my

hand, and caused the great seal of the State
to be affixed. Done at the City of Jefferson
[L.S.] this 20th day of October, A. D. 1838
of the Independence of the United States the
eighty-third, and of the State of Missouri the
thirty-eighth.

R. M. STEWART.

By the Governor,
B. F. MASSEY, Sec'y of State.

There is scarcely anything that tends more to the improvement of a town or city, than a fair and liberal support afforded to mechanics of every description. Population is necessary to the prosperity of a town or country, and that population being of an honest and industrious character renders prosperity more certain, uniform, and unvarying.

rying. Scarce has any place ever risen to much importance even when possessed of the utmost commercial advantages, without a due regard to the encouragement of the mechanical arts. For though the exportation of merchandise may form a leading feature of such a place, the various arts of mechanism are invariably called in requisition, and are indispensable to render the progress of commercial operations safe and easy. To an in-

land town, mechanics are equally important as elsewhere. They constitute a large and respectable portion of society in all countries, but in our town and villages they are almost a leading constituent part of their growth and population. To afford ample support to a class of citizens so highly useful and necessary is certainly the duty of those engaged in other pursuits.

It is alike incumbent upon mechanics to inform

the public as to their capacities and facilities in their various branches of mechanism. It is clearly the duty of the mechanic to encourage his town paper, especially, by advertising his business.

By this means the farmer is benefited by the knowledge he obtains, the mechanic is largely benefited by the increase and extension of his business and the winter is enabled not only to

publish a better looking, but better paper. Show us a close, tight fitted mechanic, or merchant, or one who is too stingy to advertise his business on our trade, and we will show you a man who is eternally growling about hard times, scarcity of money, or abusing the country, because it does not afford him as good a support as he thinks he deserves. All classes are alike dependent upon each other for their necessities and success, and

each other for their prosperity and success, and should alike encourage each other—and then besides this, when a stranger picks up the country paper, and sees it filled with advertisements of merchants and mechanics, it speaks louder for the community in which the paper is published, than all other eulogiums. It is at once conceded to be a thrifty and prosperous town—and consequently invites such to settle in our midst. —[Bolt-
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DEATH OF HON. ROBERT RANTOUL.—Hon. Robert Rantoul, died at his residence, in Beverly Mass., on Sunday, after a brief illness, in the 80th year of his age.